INFORMATION,

In Obedience to the 2d, 3d, and 4th Orders of the Honourable Houſe, dated 24° die Martii, 1786.

Veneris, 24° Die Martii, 1786.

Ordered,

THAT the Directors of the East India Company do lay before this House, a Copy of any Proceedings they may have held at the India House in the Year 1779, in Consequence of a Resolution taken by the Government General of Bengal on the 9th July 1778, to demand from Cheyt Sing Five Lacks of Rupees, as his Proportion of the Expence incurred by the War with France; that they do also specify at what Time they received the Account of this Demand, and at what Time they received the Secret Consultations of the Bengal Government of the 28th of September 1778: And also, a Copy of any Orders sent to Bengal, or Proceedings, Observations, or Protests of the Court of Directors, or of any of the Directors that may appear upon the Minutes of the Court, either upon the Receipt of the Secret Letter from Bengal of the 17th of August 1778, or in Consequence of Mr. Hastings having recorded it as his Opinion, in the Secret Consultations of the 28th of September 1778, That "Mr. Fowke's Instructions related only to the fixed and Annual Revenue, but could "never be understood to preclude that Right which every Government inherently possesses, to com- "pel all its Dependencies to contribute, by extraordinary Supplies, to the Relief of extraordinary "Emergencies."

Ordered,

THAT the Directors of the East India Company do lay before this House, a Copy of any Proceedings they may have held at the India House in Consequence of a Resolution taken by the Government General of Bengal, on the 19th of July 1779, to require from Cheyt Sing 5 Lacks of Rupees as his Proportion of the Expence incurred by the War with France for that Year; that they do also specify at what Period they received the Secret Bengal Consultations upon the Subject of the above Demand, and when they received the Secret Letter from Bengal of the 13th of March 1780, which informed them that the Demand had been enforced by the March of Two Battalions of Sepoys to Benares, and that the Rajah had been compelled to defray the Expence of this Detachment: That the Directors be further required to lay before this House, a Copy of any Orders that were sent to Bengal on this Subject in 1780 or 1781, or of the Observations or Protests of the Court of Directors, or of any of the Directors, in Consequence of those Proceedings in Bengal.

Ordered,

THAT the Directors of the East India Company do lay before this House, a Copy of any Proceedings they may have held at the India House, in Consequence of a Demand made by the Government General of Bengal upon Cheyt Sing, on the 22d of June 1780, for Five Lacks of Rupees, as his Share of the Expence of the War for that Year; that they be directed to inform the House at what Period the Advices relative to this Subject were received by them, and what Orders were sent to Bengal in the Year 1781, in Consequence of the Information contained in the Secret Letter from Bengal, of the Steps taken in that Year to enforce Cheyt Sing to pay the Five Lacks of Rupees; also Copies of the Observations and Protests of the Court of Directors, or of any of the Directors, made in Consequence of the Information transmitted from Bengal, relative to Cheyt Sing in 1780.

J. HATSELL,
Clk Dom. Com.

THE Secret Letter from Bengal, dated the 17th Auguſt 1778, was received by the Eagle the 11th April 1779.

The Secret Conſultations of 9th July 1778 were received per Eagle, the 12th April 1779.

The Secret Conſultations of 28th September 1778 received per Godfrey, the 26th December 1779: And the

Secret Conſultations of the 19th July 1779 received per Swallow, 28th July 1780.

There is no Secret Letter of 13th March 1780, but a Public Letter of that Date, received per Ceres, the 21ſt of January 1781. The Secret Letter by that Diſpatch is dated the 15th of March.

It is the Secret Letter of the 29th Novr 1780, received by the Fox the 19th October 1781, which mentions that compulſive Meaſures had been uſed to oblige Cheyt Sing to acquieſce in the Demand for 5 Lacks made on him the 22d of June 1780. But there was no Proceedings had in Conſequence of the Receipt of theſe Advices, or any Orders ſent to Bengal.

INFORMATION,

(N° 8)

In Obedience to the 2d, 3d, and 4th Orders of the Houſe, dated 24° die Martii, 1786;

Preſented to the Houſe of Commons upon the 30th Day of March 1786,

BY MR. MORTON,

From the Directors of the Eaſt India Company;

And which was ordered to be printed on the 31ſt of March 1786.